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SOLAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

POLICE

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No. 3532.

SHANGHAI,

25th October 1937

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, No.D.4333, concerning Bela Szentivanyi and to thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


for Acting Consul-General.



The Deputy Commissioner,
Special Branch, Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 3142 dated 29th September, 1937, in regard to one Bela (Adalbert) Szentivanyi alias Gyula (Julius) Turowsanyi, and in reply to inform you that this person has not yet arrived in Shanghai. Information has been received, however, that recently he wrote to a local resident intimating that he might visit Shanghai in the near future. His movements will be carefully watched.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) M. M. Daunne.

Deputy Commissioner
(Special Branch)

Acting Consul-General,

Netherlands Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch *S. B.*

REPORT

Date October 23, 1937

Subject (*in full*) Communication dated 29-9-37 from the Netherlands Consulate-General concerning B. Szentivanyi alias G. Turcsanyi.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev Forwarded by C. *C. G. S.*

Enquiries have failed to discover any trace of the presence of Bela (Adalbert) Szentivanyi alias Gyula (Julius) Turcsanyi in Shanghai. It would appear, therefore, that this individual has not yet arrived here.

According to information received, he wrote to a local resident recently intimating that he might visit Shanghai in the near future.

This matter will be kept in view and Szentivanyi's arrival will be reported.

A. Prokofiev

D. S. I.

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CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 3142.

SHANGHAI. 29th September 1937.

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Sir,

Further to my letter of May 24, 1937, No. 1650, your file D.4836, regarding Bela (Adalbert) Szentivanyi alias Gyula (Julius) Turcsanyi, I have the honour to inform you that according to information received this person arrived in Hongkong from Europe on board s.s."Conte Biancamano" at the beginning of this month.

Turcsanyi seems to try to collect without any authorisation funds for an Italian Catholic Mission in Mongolia for the purpose of building a church there.

Although claiming to be a Hungarian subject Turcsanyi is actually of unknown nationality having been born in Kossa, Upper Hungary, which is at present Tschecho Slovakian territory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Acting Consul-General.

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The Deputy Commissioner,
Crime & Special Branches,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

S.I. Report please
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May 25 37.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1650 of May 24, 1937, and to inform you that the information contained therein has been duly noted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) K. M. Bourne.

Deputy Commissioner
(Special Branch)

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,

Consul,

Netherlands Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

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CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 1650.

SHANGHAI, 24th May 1937.

Sir,

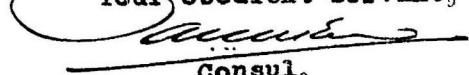
Further to my letter of July 50th, 1936, No. 2748 (your number D. 4836 of July 31st, 1936), I have the honour to inform you that according to an article in the "Pester Lloyd" of May 1st 1937, the Vienna Police informed the Police at Budapest that they had arrested a person, who called himself Dr. Bela Szentivanyi and who most probably was a Yugoslavian citizen. He posed as a doctor of a Chinese Mission, could produce however no diploma and was found in possession of a pharmaceutical chemist's diploma issued at New York, which has no value in Europe. It was established that Szentivanyi's real name was Julius Turcsany, 47 years of age, of Jewish confession, born in Kassa. He was staying lately on the Semmering and in Schottwien, where he tried to induce women and girls to join a mission intended to be sent out to India. The Police at Budapest were able to establish that Turcsany was sentenced ten years ago twice on account of fraud and was known as a swindler then.

From a note in my files I find that Dr. (?)Szentivanyi left Shanghai for Europe by the s.s. "Conte Verde" on August 22nd, 1936, and that before leaving he obtained a complete dentist's outfit from a Japanese firm, which he took with him, without having paid therefor.

He travelled disguised as a priest and it is rumoured that he carried with him a consignment of drugs which he intended to smuggle into Europe.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Consul.

Major K.M. Bourne,
Officer i/c Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police.

SHANGHAI.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt
of your letter No. 2748 dated July 30, 1936, and to
thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,
Netherlands Consulate-General,
Shanghai.



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CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 2748.

SHANGHAI,

30th July 1936.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 4836
Date 31 - 7 - 36.

Sir,

I have the honour to send you herewith for your private information a copy of a letter which I received from Mr. Komor concerning a certain Dr. Adalbert (Béla) Szentiványi, and to inform you that on the 27th of July 1936 I received a visit from Dr. Alexander Zimmermann, a chemical engineer, at present living at 147 Rte Paul Henri, tel. 70433, who asked my assistance in connecting with an agreement which he had made on the 30th of June 1936 with Dr. Szentiványi whereby the latter for a sum of \$ 1000. --, which was paid to him, sold to Dr. Zimmermann the good will of the Chemical Drug Enterprise "Le Missionnaire". This sale appears to have been advertised in the papers and when parties met Dr. Szentiványi made it appear from the books he submitted as though the concern in question would nett a minimum income of \$ 200. --. The business in question appears to consist mainly of the execution of orders sent by post from Roman Catholic missionary stations in the interior, who had been canvassed by Dr. Szentiványi through a booklet, which apart from a pricelist, contains a statement on the cover that all profits of the company revert to missionary work.

Dr. Zimmermann informed me that he had been induced by Dr. Szentiványi to take over the concern through the latter's friendly relations with Mr. Chapelain, the local Commissioner of Posts, to whom Dr. Zimmermann had been introduced and who was frequently patted on the shoulders by Dr. Szentiványi.

Furthermore Dr. Szentiványi stated that he would leave

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T. Robertson, Esquire,

Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch),

Shanghai Municipal Police,

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Shanghai for Europe by the Lloyd Triestino, but apparently he has not done so.

Dr.Szentiványi to begin with continued to keep the post-office box where his orders were received whereas furthermore the turnover proved to remain far below the estimated turnover contained in his books.

Apart from that a few orders were received for narcotic drugs, which Dr.Zimmermann could not obtain in the local pharmacies, but which Dr.Szentiványi, though not registered as a doctor here and probably not being a qualified doctor at all, seemed to be able to procure without difficulty.

When Dr.Zimmermann objected to have these narcotics despatched by post to the interior without authorisation, Dr. Szentiványi showed surprise and stated that he had frequently sent these drugs through the post by merely stating that the parcel in question contained other medicines.

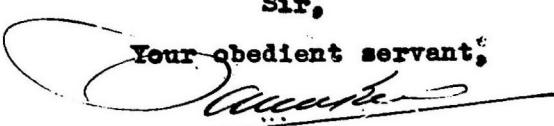
Dr.Zimmermann was told that since Dr.Szentivanyi was not a Hungarian subject this Consulate-General could do nothing in this matter, but I considered it worthwhile to acquaint you with the activities of this person, against whom already a warning seems to have been published in the Journal de Shanghai.

The Police of the French Concession have been equally informed of the above.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Chinese Secretary.

PAUL KOMOR.

SHANGHAI, 28th April 1936.

No. 589.

Sir,

Re: Dr. Adalbert (Béla) Szentiványi
384 Avenue de Roi Albert.

Although Dr. Szentiványi claims to be a Yugoslav subject, his person is of interest from the Hungarian point of view, because of his Hungarian name and Hungarian birth and also because, in general he passes as a Hungarian everywhere.

There were reasons why I doubted the bona fides of Dr. Szentiványi's right to the title of a medical doctor. He has, to the best of my knowledge, no diploma. He stated to me that, in his sudden flight from Yugoslavia some 5 years ago, all his papers and documents were left behind and lost. He has stated to some, that he obtained his diploma in Klausenburg (Transylvania) Kassa (Northern-Hungary) and Budapest. Inquiries in Budapest have established the fact, that there is no record of a Dr. Szentiványi and the name is entirely unknown. The absence of a diploma is also documented by the fact, that Dr. Szentiványi is not on the Register of Physicians of the Municipal Council and is not admitted to practice in the Municipal Hospitals.

In spite of this, Dr. Szentiványi was engaged as Physician by the Belgian Mission some three years ago and sent to Siu-Yuan, where he was stationed until the summer of 1934. He practiced at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Yangtzepoo until October 1934 and performed there operations in, as I have been informed, an entirely unorthodox and unprofessional manner. He then went to Europe, but failed to go to Hungary owing to, as he said, Yugoslavs being refused Visas at that time. He was in Geneva with some formula which he has "discovered" against the Opium habit. He was in Rome, where he was received in audience by the Pope and received a Papal decoration which was bestowed upon him on the recommendation of the Mission Procurator at Siu-Yuan. He alleges to have been at Stennockerzell and to have been received by His Majesty the King of Hungary.

He returned to Shanghai at the end of 1934 or beginning of 1935. Allegedly, he deals in Medicines which he sells to the Missions. On the other hand, I am informed that in the summer of 1935 the Missions, in a notice published in the Journal de Shanghai, explicitly stated, that they have no connection with Dr. Szentiványi.

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W. G. Boissevain, Esquire,
Consul-General for The Netherlands,

SHANGHAI.

I consider that Dr.Szentiványi's person ought to be of interest to the authorities and it would, I think, be useful to make official inquiries of the State Police of Budapest in order to establish his real identity.

It is contrary to Hungarian interests, that a person should call himself a Doctor, without a degree from a Hungarian University, if such is not the case and it is contrary to local public interest that any such person should have the possibility of practicing medicine privately.

I might add that amongst the Hungarian Community here considerable doubt exists as to the means whereby Dr.Szentiványi earns a living, and, because these doubts have been expressed quite frequently of late I consider it necessary now to bring the matter to your notice for such action as you may consider to be necessary or justified in the circumstances.

I might add, that the information herein contained has been communicated to me in part by Dr.Szentiványi himself and in part by third persons. Personally, I have had very little contact with him, especially during the past 18 months and I have no personal knowledge of his activities.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sd.) Paul Komor.

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No 589.

MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
Shanghai, 28th April 1936
B. D. 2836

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(sd) Paul Komor.

G.W. Boissevain, Esquire,
Consul-General for the Netherlands,
HANGHAI.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

S.2. Special Branch Station,

Date May 30, 1933.

Subject (in full) ... Paul Komor.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshanky Forwarded by SBSKu. A!

With reference to the memo of the Officer i/c Special Branch of May 22, 1933 regarding Paul Komor, enquiries show that Hungarian interests in Shanghai are under the Netherlands Consulate General, 25 Rue de Consulat.

Paul Komor is a Hungarian and has resided in Shanghai many years. He is proprietor of the "Trans - Ocean Hide & Products Co. 49 Peking Road. At present he resides at No. 92 Amherst Avenue. Komor has a good reputation among local business circles and the Hungarian community. During 1925 P. Komor was appointed to be the local Hungarian Consul but this appointment was not confirmed due to the nonexistence of any treaty between Hungary and China. He is the chairman of the Hungarian Relief Fund (Hungarian Benevolent Society), and is recognised by the local Netherlands Consulate General as a dean of the Local Hungarian community.

Komor usually deals with any enquiries on behalf of the Netherlands Consul regarding Hungarians. Mr. Van den Berg of Netherlands Consulate General was approached and stated that it is the opinion of the Netherland Consul General that all correspondence in connection with enquiries concerning Hungarian Subjects be dealt with through the Netherlands Consulate.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

D.S.

G. Tcheremshansky

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Please communicate information to "A" confidentially with Komor.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

S. S. Special Branch Station, p. 3

Date May 20, 1933.

Subject (in full) Laszlo Waller.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky. Forwarded by *D.B.R. 22/5*

With reference to the letter dated May 4, 1933 from Mr. Israel Honon of "Hungarian Relief Fund" Shanghai, regarding one Laszlo Waller alias Lassie Waller, enquiries show that Laszlo Waller is a Hungarian subject, born on July 17, 1896 at Budapest, Hungary and is a musician by profession. During the Great War he served in the Austro-Hungarian Army. In 1915 Waller was taken prisoner in Russia and was sent to Siberia. In 1918 he married at Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, one Hermela Manovna Nitetska, a Russian woman of Polish origin. He has a daughter named Eleonora, about 15 years of age. It is reported that Laszlo Waller's proper name is Laszlo Walla, and that he changed it to Waller before leaving Russia.

In the early part of 1923 Waller together with his family left Vladivostok for Shanghai from 1923 till 1925 he was employed as a violinist with various restaurants and cinemas in this city. In 1925 Waller left for Hankow and remained there till 1927 when, owing to the anti-foreign movement, he returned to Shanghai. In Hankow he earned his living as a musician, from 1927 till April 1933 he was employed as a musician at the Pantheon Theatre, and other places. His last place of employment was the Sheikh Cabaret 111/13 Avenue Edward 7. Recently he left Shanghai for Chefoo where he is present employed with the "Silver Dollar" Cabaret cabaret in the capacity of musician.

A JF His wife and daughter are now residing at No. 88 Route Wallon, House No. 11 Telephone No. 84369.

D.S. Tcheremshansky.

D.B.R. 22/5

Officer i/c Special Branch,

S Please let me know who is in charge of Hungarian interest. What is Waller's position in and how he entered to 2

PAUL KOMOR
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Shanghai, 4th May 1933

92, Columbia Road
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
Anhao Avenue S. B. REGISTRY

No. D 4726

Date 15/5/1933

Shanghai Municipal Police
Shanghai.

Dear Sirs,

Relatives of one Laszlo Volter, an Hungarian ex-prisoner-of-war who came to Shanghai sometime ago, and who has not been heard from for a great many years, have written to me from Hungary to the effect, that they have reason to believe that the said Volter is identical with one

Laszlo Waller

whose last known address, given to me in February 1932 was

Rue. Frelupt 316
Passage No.9

and who, as I have been informed a few days ago, recently worked as a musician in the "Sheikh" Cabaret located on Avenue Edward VII.

As I have not been able to locate the man, I wonder whether you would be so good as to give me some assistance in trying to locate him and requesting him to call on me at my Office address

No.19 Museum Road
Room 629

Thanking you in anticipation for any help that you might be able to afford me,

Yours faithfully,

Paul Komor

S2, For attention please.

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D.S. Ichernenshansky.

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